PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

**958.** The Inter-University Board meeting and Quinquennial Conference of Universities of India, Burma and Ceylon were held at Mysore in December 1953.

National Cadet Corps.

**959.** The National Cadet Corps Service Camp was held from 7th to 27th October 1953. The N.C.C. Cadets with the co-operation of the local villagers constructed 11 miles All Weather Road connecting Akkihebbalu, Lakshmipura, Hemagiri, etc.

Scout Community Project.

**960.** During December 1953, the Social Service Camp was held at Chikkayarahalli for about a fortnight and 50 Scouts participated in it. The project activities included such items as metalling a 3-furlong road in the village, laying out of a circle, helping the villagers in harvest work, general cleaning of the village, economic survey of the village, Samskriti Prachar and organising games for village children, etc. The State Chief Commissioner and the President of the Mysore Pradesh Congress Committee visited the camp. The estimated cost of the works done in the camp was about Rs. 35,000,

Convocation.

**961.** The thirty-fourth Annual Convocation of the University was held on 8th January 1954, in the Crawford Hall, Mysore. His Highness the Chancellor presided. Sri Radhakumud Mookerji, M.A., PH.D., D. LITT., Member of Parliament, delivered the Convocation Address.

Buildings.

**962.** A provision of Rs. 5,50,000 was made in the University Budget for 1953-54 under "Construction and Repairs". Of this, a sum of Rs. 4,20,410 was spent during the year.

## (iv) The Mysore Government Museum.

Galleries.

**963.** The sculptures which were lent to the Royal Academy of Indian Arts for exhibition at London were returned and they are erected on pedestals along with the other sculptures in the newly designed sculpture gallery.

Zoology.

**964.** New tables were introduced in the Zoology Section. Action was taken to acquire fresh specimens of birds and mammals.

**965.** Instructive and educative descriptive labels were introduced to facilitate the visitors to get acquainted with Archæology and Archæological specimens.

**966.** The component parts of the Hoysalas temple and many other sculptures of excellent workmanship which are installed in the "Hoysala Section of the Gallery" give vivid idea of art and architectural perfection attained during the Hoysala period in the State of Mysore. Sculpture Gallery.

**967.** Two silver coins were presented to the Museum by the Ministry of Education, Government of India. Numismatics.

**968.** Gallery talks to the school children were continued as usual. Seven thousand one hundred and forty-five students, accompanied by 237 teachers from 173 educational institutions from Bangalore and other parts of India visited the Institution. Educational Work.

**969.** Nearly 2,71,598 visitors went round the galleries during the year. Visitors.

**970.** The annual budget grant for the up-keep of the institution was Rs. 12,900 and the actual expenditure amounted to Rs. 9,183. Maintenance.

**971.** The Government Museum continued to attract visitors including many distinguished persons from all parts of India. The Director General of Archæology in India and Government Epigraphist for the Government of India also visited the Museum during the year. General.

## (v) Sri Jayachamarajendra Occupational Institute, Bangalore.

**972.** The Institute started its eleventh year of working from 1st July 1953. One thousand and twenty-seven applications for admission were received from all over India. The Admission Committee interviewed candidates who had applied for admission to several courses and the number of students admitted was 367 bringing the total strength to 678 (647). A good number of non-Mysoreans and refugees were also admitted in addition to those who were deputed from Government of India and other State Governments.

**973.** The Public Examinations in the Certificate, Diploma, Short-term and Adult-craftsman courses under the old scheme and First and Second Year examinations under the new scheme were conducted as usual in April-May 1953 by the Central Board of Technical Examinations. Examinations.